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# LBJ Is Making a List Of Likely Scapegoats In Dominican Impasse his views have consistently carried by the distributed by the standard of the standard by the standard of the standard by the standard by

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WASHINGTON, May 22—Presidential advisers are ministration innow looking for scapegoats to blame for the Dominican rigue in this scapegoat hunt has Republic mess. The fact that such a hunt is on is sufng to make Ambassador Benficient proof that the administration realizes the whole act the whipping boy are really military intervention operation has been badly mis-lefter Mr. Mann. The latter is handled in its follow-through phases.

## Commentary On the News

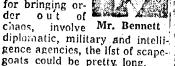
White House doghouse have vague counts: that he failed to been U. S. Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett Jr.; the new CIA; chief, Admiral William Ra born Jr., and Undersecretary of State Thomas C. Mann.

#### Long List Possible

It does not matter whether any of these three are actually culpable. There has to be a scapegoat list, even if, as at present, it is passed along sur-

reptitiously by officials whose tips usually reflect the White House line.

Because the errors in judgment or misinterpretation of the Administration's program for bringing order ou't



tensive than the roll of wrong tagon have consistently cast guessers and blundering operatives in John F. Kennedy's Bay! "evaluations." of Pigs fiasco in 1961.

Comparatively innocent high officials had to take the rap under Mr. Kennedy in 1961, such as the then CIA head Allen mainly because he has been con-Dulles his deputy Richard M.

The effort to pin the blame elsewhere than on President Johnson has started with a rush in the last 24 hours. The first proposed candidates for the proposed candidates for the man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, There is an almost hys effort by those in the proposed candidates for the whole blame himself. To date the White House has shown no similar inclination. no similar inclination.

#### Digs Aimed at CIA

Instead, Ambassador Bennett is being blamed on various



have the right contacts in the Dominican Republic, that he overemphasized the danger to Ameri-lives in urging the President tol rush the marines in on April 28. Admiral Ra-

Admiral Raborn born of the CIA is accused of making too emotional an appeal to the White House about the Communist threat. This charge, from administration sources that should know better, makes little sense. Admiral Raborn had just been sworn in on April 28 when Mr. Johnson ordered the marines in. The main CIA appeal for prompt action came from retiring CIA chief John McCone.

But the digs at Admiral Raborn are basically aimed at the intelligence operation he heads. Certainly it could be more ex- | The State Department and Pen-

#### Mann's Views Respected

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strumental than any other adwiser in the President's decision to act at once. On hemispheric affairs



The inside ad-Mr. Mann onsidered responsible for Mr. Bennett's being in Santo Do-

There is an almost hysterical ffort by those in the possible; ine of Presidential fire to pass he buck to other agencies and

#### Bundy Is Blamed

For example, certain high inelligence officials have the knife ut for McGeorge Bundy," White



House national' security adviser. Mr. Bundy is blamed for the White House decision to send a special mission on a desperation basis to Santo Domingo last

Mr. Bundy

Mr. Guzman's left-wing status teast on certain days of the week. as such as to have made him ispect, but it is held in intellience circles here that the undy mission refused to accept is evaluation of Mr. Guzman.

On almost every aspect of the resent messed-up situation, out. What basically went wrong?

Ise notes have been struck There is no argument about ere. What leaks out of the State epartment, Pentagon or CIA civately has no relation to the ere. What leaks out of the State ivately has no relation to the atements issued publicly by le Administration even at the hite House level.

### hort Stay Envisaged

rmally Friday that our troops tion, and no immediate solution ere in strictly a neutral posture is in sight.

The aim was in the Dominican Republic, All to end the fighting. This miscluding motion pictures and on sought unsuccessfully to comments from our paratroopon sought unsuccessfully to ers and marines themselves, in eaded by Antonio Guzman, a dicates our military is being chummy with the junta, while uan Bosch.

Mr. Guzman's left-wing status

The buckpassing, the lack of official candor and all the backbiting going on here suggest only one thing. The President has found himself boxed in and is trying desperately to find a way,

There is no argument about that. Mr. Johnson was led to believe that once we put our: troops ashore the whole messi could be cleared up in a few days with a temporary coalition government operating to stabilize the country. Instead, this is The White House again insisted the fourth week of our interven-